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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Title 37, Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and pursuant to Applicant's duty of candor and good faith toward the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the art indicated on the attached PTO-1449 form.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information, as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a), exists.

Applicants have not enclosed copies of the US patents, as it is our understanding that such is no longer required. However, should copies be needed, please contact the undersigned and they will be promptly provided.

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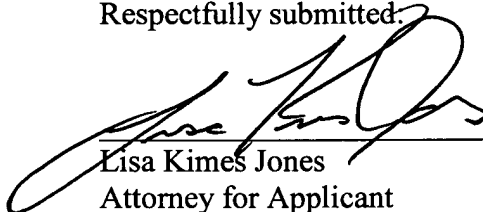
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We believe that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for any reason the Examiner finds that the disclosure or documents do not comply with these sections, notification is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters or issues outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted.



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